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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by: (ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO ELECTRIC CONSUMERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 16-245p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):
- 3 (a) An electric supplier and an electric distribution company 4 providing standard service or back-up electric generation service, 5 pursuant to section 16-244c, shall submit information to the Department of Public Utility Control that the department, after 6 7 consultation with the Consumer Education Advisory Council, 8 established under section 16-244d, determines will assist customers in making informed decisions when choosing an electric supplier, 10 including, but not limited to, the information provided in subsection 11 (b) of this section. Each supplier or electric distribution company 12 providing standard service or back-up electric generation service, 13 pursuant to section 16-244c, shall, at such times as the department 14 requires, but not less than annually, submit [, on] in a form prescribed by the department, [quarterly reports containing] information [on 15 16 rates] that the department must make available pursuant to subsection

(b) of this section and any other information the department [deems] considers relevant. [, including, but not limited to, any change in the information as required by the department.] After the department has received the information required pursuant to this subsection, the supplier shall be eligible to receive customer marketing information from electric or electric distribution companies, as provided in section 16-2450.

(b) The Department of Public Utility Control shall maintain and make available to customers upon request, a list of electric aggregators and the following information about each electric supplier and each electric distribution company providing standard service or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-244c: (1) Rates and charges; (2) applicable terms and conditions of a contract for electric generation services; (3) the percentage of the total electric output derived from each of the categories of energy sources provided in subsection (e) of section 16-244d, the total emission rates of nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulates, heavy metals and other wastes the disposal of which is regulated under state or federal law at the facilities operated by or under longterm contract to the electric supplier or providing electric generation services to an electric distribution company providing standard service or back-up electric generation service, pursuant to section 16-244c, and the analysis of the environmental characteristics of each such category of energy source prepared pursuant to subsection (e) of said section 16-244d and to the extent such information is unknown, the estimated percentage of the total electric output for which such information is unknown, along with the word "unknown" for that percentage; (4) a record of customer complaints and the disposition of each complaint; and (5) any other information the department determines will assist customers in making informed decisions when choosing an electric supplier. The department shall [update the information at least quarterly] make available to customers the information filed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section within thirty days of its receipt. The department shall put such information in a standard format so that a

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- 51 customer can readily understand and compare the services provided 52 by each electric supplier.
- (c) Each electric supplier and electric distribution company shall
 disclose to customers, in a manner prescribed by the department and
 not less than annually, such information as the department considers
 relevant. The department may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter
 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall sections:	This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	16-245p	

Statement of Purpose:

To require electric supplier and distribution companies to provide customers with information that the DPUC considers relevant.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]